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For information,

Guy is not happy with the lateness of the information provided.

I will contact him and find out what impact this could have on funding for 07/08 and the advanced payments to Tramco and Infracore.

Stewart - what is your availability over the next few days for an urgent meeting with Guy Houston?

Regards

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Rebecca

Please forward this message to Stewart:-

Thanks for sending this through, but to be honest we won't be considering it as it has arrived too late to be considered for our IDM (board meeting) at 9am tomorrow.

I was not in the office at all today, so could not consider at such notice and in any case our IDM is at 9am, so there is not much we can do with it when we receive it at 1750 the previous evening.

I'm disappointed that it has taken so long to receive this information (initial look on the blackberry looks fine, but we're handing over £500m, so a quick look on the blackberry is not what is required for taking large investment decisions). We have been working really hard at this end to put a paper to our board requesting that you get the additional funds and which give tie as much flexibility as they need. In addition, we are in daily dialogue with Audit Scotland to make sure the advance payments happen and are treated in line with what we discussed at our meeting a couple of weeks ago (the information you have provided is fine and we will present to AS, but not before we go to IDM tomorrow).

As primary funder to this scheme by contributing £500m, I really have to question why "commercial confidentiality" means we should only get limited information (irrespective of whether the information provided tonight is adequate or not). Why we cannot be considered trustworthy is beyond us.

The last thing we want is for Scottish Ministers to be seen to be holding this project up, but we need partnership working here.

I will convene another meeting with Stewart and yourself once I know the outcome of the IDM, but IDM will only get partial information, so I doubt they will sign off going to ministers.

Therefore the proximity of the date we will be able sign off additional funding and Financial Close could well be uncomfortable for all parties and could have been avoided.

